in which it differs from most or all other emetics. These articles, when they fail of producing vomiting, generally occasion a determination downwards, and thus produce all the phenomena of cathartic medicines. This effect is also frequently produced when they have operated in their peculiar way. But in no instance did this appear to be the case with the Hellebore. Some patients, indeed, said that it operated upon them by stool very slightly—but on strict inquiry I did not think that the medicine had had any effect in this way, and that what was told me proceeded from a desire in the persons to attribute some sort of effect to what had been given them.

"In the greater number of the cases, the Hellebore was longer before it produced vomiting than is the case generally with other emetics. It did not often operate in less than three quarters of an hour or an hour—but sometimes the interval was extended to two or three hours—and in one case, although the dose was administered at twelve at noon, its effects were not produced until between nine and ten o'clock in the evening. This tardiness in manifesting its effects on the system corresponds with what has been observed with respect to the European species.

"I made a few experiments with the powder of the Veratrum album in order to compare its powers with those which existed in our native species. It was given in six cases—of two doses of three grains—neither produced any effect—one of four was not more effectual—six grains produced some vomiting, but not to any considerable extent—seven no effect whatever—and eight produced in about four hours after taking it considerable effect. If these experiments are to be depended upon, the foreign certainly is not more powerful than the native species.

"I endeavoured next to ascertain what degree of power the Hellebore was possessed of over cutaneous diseases. It has the reputation in the country of some efficacy in these complaints. The ointment and decoction were applied in a number of cases, and it certainly proved to be an application of considerable power. Its effects in some cases amounted to a removal of the disease entirely—and in most, some diminution of it followed, which was more or less durable.

"In one case where there was an eruption about the wrists and other parts of the body, supposed to be the itch—the ointment (made by simmering together a dram of Hellebore in an ounce of lard) after being applied for some time, removed the

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